

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 575
By Davidson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sheena Bowling on a stellar athletic career.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to recognize athletes who work hard, persevere and succeed; and

WHEREAS, Sheena Bowling is one such outstanding athlete who has excelled both as a high school and college basketball player; and

WHEREAS, as a three-year sensational, sharpshooting, starter for Springfield High School, Sheena dazzled fans, officials and hardwood lovers with her adroit play; and

WHEREAS, during the 1989-1990 season, she played with maturity rare for someone of her age and was chosen All-Region Tournament, All-District 10-AAA Tournament and regular season All-District 10-AAA; and

WHEREAS, the memorable 1990-1991 season saw her receive Vol-State Conference All-Tournament, All-Region Tournament and District 10-AAA Most Valuable Player recognition; and

WHEREAS, during her senior season, 1991-1992, she set the school record for most points, scored with a phenomenal 1,697 points, and she led the Yellow Jackets into the semifinals of the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, Sheena was chosen a member of the Tennessee All-Star team that played the Georgia All-Star team, All-State Tournament, first team All-State, Regional Tournament

Most Valuable Player, Vol-State Conference All-Tournament, District 10-AAA Tournament Most Valuable Player and regular season District 10-AAA Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, she next became a collegiate star, playing for the University of Montevallo, where she again impressed all who were privileged to watch her play; and

WHEREAS, during her great freshman season, 1992-1993, Sheena burned the nets and led her team to numerous victories and a successful campaign. She was an All-NAIA National Tournament team member, Honorable Mention All-American, All-District 27 and school Most Valuable Player honoree; and

WHEREAS, during her excellent 1993-1994 season, she was *College Sports Magazine* Player of the Year, Kodak All-American, first team NAIA All-American, All-Southeast Region, Conference Player of the Year and University of Montevallo Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, her exemplary 1994-1995 season included recognition as *College Sports Magazine* Player of the Year, first team NAIA All-American, All-Southeast region, Conference Player of the Year, Plainville All-Tournament and University of Montevallo Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, during her notable senior season, Sheena ended her awesome collegiate career with 3,245 total points and 1,406 total rebounds, set a national record for most consecutive field goals, with 25, and was featured in the March 4, 1996 *Sports Illustrated*; and

WHEREAS, her 1995-1996 honors included first team All-NAIA, Gulf South Conference Player of the Year, Conference East Division Player of the Year, All-Southeast Region and school Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, other honors included Purity-Bison All-Tournament team, Pikeville All-Tournament team, Plainview All-Tournament team 1993 and 1994, Coca Cola Classic Most Valuable Player and Shoneys' Inn Round-Ball Invitational Most Valuable Player 1994; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this

gifted athlete and the tremendous contribution she has made to Springfield High School and the University of Montevallo; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Sheena Bowling and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.